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In re the Application of: **SHOJI, Yukio, et al.**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.